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This weekend: September VHF contest

Objective: For amateurs in the US and Canada (and their possessions) to work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees x 1 degree Maidenhead grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz.

ARRL

The Hurricane Watch Net

The Hurricane Watch Net is a group of licensed Amateur Radio Operators, trained and organized to provide essential communications support to the National Hurricane Center during times of Hurricane emergencies.

Hurricane Watch Net

Tips for communicating after a disaster

Tips from a Ham Radio operator for communicating after a disaster if all you have is a cell phone. N4AE

Mom uses Ham Radio to find missing son in wake of Harvey

An Illinois woman used an old-fashioned way to communicate with her son, who was missing after Harvey wreaked havoc on Texas.

WDSU

New version of WSJT-X includes FT8 changes

North American VHF Contesting Mode has been expanded to include both FT8 and MSK144 modes.

ARRL

Eclipse 2017 shortwave propagation observations

Going into this experiment I suspected that since the eclipse should temporarily reduce ionization to D-layer of the ionosphere, there might be some reduction in corresponding typical D-layer daytime absorption on lower frequencies.

The SWLing Post

New ICOM IC-9700 revealed at the Tokyo Ham Fair

Just revealed at the Tokyo Ham Fair 2017 is a new ICOM IC-9700 SDR 144/440/1296 all mode rig.

N6PSE

Teleflix: Morse interface for Netflix

Decode the tapped Morse code, have the Pi present itself as a USB Keyboard, and fire the decoded letters at a retail PS4 running a custom version of the Netflix UI.

Blog of Some Guy

Up close with the Russian Woodpecker

A Soviet engineering and scientific feat of its time, the Russian Woodpecker was an over-thehorizon radar system designed to provide early detection of an intercontinental ballistic missile attack.

news.com

Smoky Mountain Summits On The Air

We are using VHF/UHF for SOTA activations and opted for a basic FM station for this trip: a pair of Yaesu FT-1D handhelds, a couple of vertical antennas and a 3-element Arrow yagi antenna for 2 meters.

KONR

Video

<u>Tennessee Hams welcome new Techs to the hobby</u>

Wonderful welcome messages in person and on the air for all the recently licensed Hams. W8IFG

How to decode Weather Fax on shortwave using FLDIGI

How to decode NOAA HF fax transmissions using FLDIGI.

YouTube

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